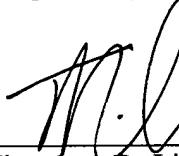


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REMARKS:

The application has been amended to add a new independent claim, to add an introduction to the claims, and to correct for minor misspellings and typographical errors. In addition, the Americanized word "planer" was inserted in order to clarify the meaning of the original English word "plane" which was already found in the disclosure. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or to credit overpayment to Deposit Account 20-0809. Prompt and favorable examination is requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES TO SPECIFICATION

Page 1, third full paragraph:

According to the first aspect of the invention, there is provided a transportable workbench comprising: a plurality of locations, each of which defines an aperture for passage of a tool of a power tool; and a single adjustable stop, also known as a fence, for guiding a work piece during a machinery operation with respect to any one of said locations.

Page 2, first full paragraph:

The workbench may comprise an upstanding plate projecting substantially perpendicularly from the work surface. The locations may comprise at least two locations at the plate. A power plane, also known as a planer, and a power sander may be provided at these locations.

Page 5, first full paragraph:

A workbench 11 comprises a work top 12 with a back plate B mounted on a folding leg frame which, for the [same] sake of clarity, is omitted from the drawing to avoid undue complexity.

Page 5, fifth full paragraph:

The location V1 is fitted with the plate P1 which has mounted on it a router (lying mainly beneath the plate P1) whose cutting head 17 is shown projecting above the worktop 12. The router is coupled to a power supply block S located beneath the worktop 12. The supply unit S is coupled to a [mains] main power supply by a cable 19. The power supply to and from the block S can be regulated by buttons 21.

Page 7, third full paragraph:

The [work bench] workbench of the present invention provides a major safety benefit in ensuring that electrical power and its control are dealt with in a safe manner which can be particularly significant in the context of portable tooling. Apart from providing for the safe alignment of power cables supplying the individual tools from a central power supply block, it also provides for a single clearly evident switch to be operable to isolate all the power tools when in use. Thus

a passer-by, while [()having no clear idea of what is in use and how controlled()], can, in the event of an accident to a user of the workbench, isolate the workbench from a [mains] main power supply by operating a clearly marked button.

Page 8, first full paragraph:

Figure 2 illustrates [an] another [work bench] workbench of a similar type to that illustrated in Figure 1 with like reference numerals referring to like parts. This drawing illustrates that normally hand-held power tools may be mounted to the workbench. In this example the locations V1 to V3 are used for mounting a jigsaw 40, a circular saw 41 and a router 42, respectively. The plane 32 and the sander 36 are likewise illustrated mounted on and dismounted from the workbench. Figure 2 also shows tool guards 43 to 45 mounted to the work fence 13 for protecting a user from injury.

Page 9, third full paragraph:

A user may mount any make and type of power tool to the workbench by [customising] customizing a "blank" template. In particular, templates may be provided for [customising] customizing by the user such that all of the templates are positioned in the same way on the workbench. The user may then, for example, provide the appropriate cut out in the template so that the power tool which it is desired to mount is accurately positioned and aligned by the template when mounted to the workbench.